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A HOT FIGHT.

Aspirants for the Presidency of the Law School Debating Society Run the Annual January Race.

A Full House Watches the Struggle From Start to Finish.

They were "off" at the Law School debating hall Saturday evening, and there was plenty of dust, hard riding and congratulations for the winner before the annual January society election had passed into history. There were candidates a plenty, but they treated each other with curtesy, and after the fight was over there were no sores to heel, and no Richmonds to sit sulking in their tents.

This election is considered the most important one of the year, for should any inter-collegiate contests occur the officers elected at this time will have direct charge of the arrangements pertaining to the same. So, as far back as the time when the mind of the society runneth not to the contrary, this election has been an exciting one, attended with scenes that furnish food for comment for many a day thereafter.

The president called the meeting to order, and after the minutes had been read and approved, a motion to suspend the regular order of business was put and carried, and the election was on. The chair called for nominations for the office of president. A long silence ensued; the wary politicians hesitated to make the plunge. The orators chewed their lips in silence and waited for the other fellow to begin. The chair asked if there were any candidates, some one moved to adjourn. It never got any further than the presiding officer's lips, a chorus of nays putting it quickly to sleep. In the silence that followed, Jacobus S. Jones, '84, arose, and in a quiet, effectual speech, placed the name of Laban Sparks before the society. The Sparks men were strongly in evidence when Mr. Jones named their favorite. Harry C. Evans contented himself with simply mentioning the name of Mr. Clay, saying that his candidate was so well-known that a tribute to his talent was unnecessary. M. M. McLean presented the name of John M. Spellman. Mr. McLean is a member of the post-graduate course, and made a vigorous argument against what he

termed the precedent established of placing a Senior in the chair for the second term of the debating society. He held that there was no good reason for this custom, and that a man's fitness and the votes he could poll alone should be causes that should operate to make him an executive officer. In conclusion he complimented the prowess of John M. Spellman, and formally placed his name before the society as a candidate. Mr. Dalton made a very frank statement as to his position in the contest, and said that a desire to see the best parliamentarian among the candidates in the chair urged him to name Mr. Garner

lacking. He drew a touching picture of Grady's simple unostentatious manners while he was editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, declaring that while he lacked dignity, his worth and powers as a leader of men were admitted by every man and woman and child in that famed southern city.

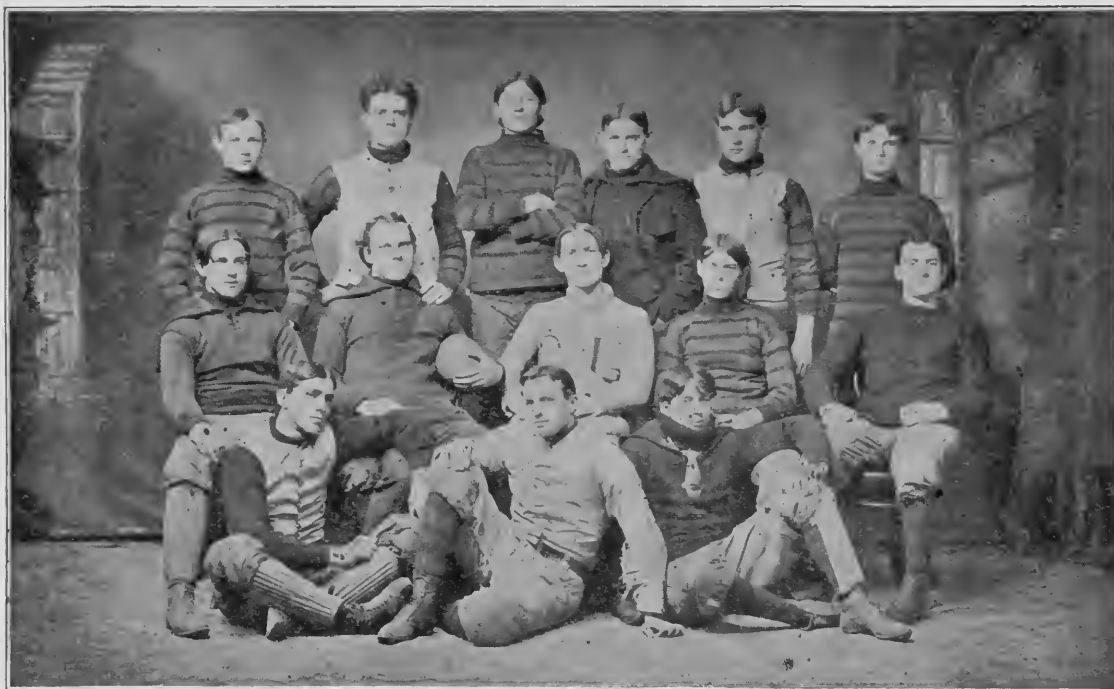
Mr. Keene seconded the nomination of Mr. Clay in a carefully delivered speech. He urged his selection on the ground of his undoubted ability. He stated that he had always been opposed to him in the contests of the past, but that now he (Keene), admitting the admirable qualities of Mr. Clay, took pleasure

For an hour and a half the spellbinders had held the floor and with a sigh of relief the society prepared their votes for the first ballot. The chair appointed Messrs. Evans, Marshall and Smith to act as tellers.

Five ballots were taken before a nomination was effected. While the first ballot was being taken, objection was made to it by several members on the ground that fraud might be perpetrated, as the tellers were not able to prevent two votes being cast by the same person, either at the same or different times. After the first ballot the electors were required to form in line and pass before the tellers, dropping a vote in

HEROES OF THE GRID-IRON.

The Men Who Have Made It Possible for Columbian to put a Pennant Winning Team in the Field for '96.



C. M. Beall. N. H. Busay. A. J. Cummings. R. S. Barrett, Jr. M'g'r. Don C. Fugitt. Thomas A. ton.
Louis Weaver. Ewing Cockrell. Rolvix Harlan W. H. Beard. Edw. Miles.
Carroll Fu. i t. Captain. Harry P. Do little. Chas. Harris.

of the Senior class. Mr. Hillyer followed with a handsome tribute to the man of his choice, Mr. Wiley. He said that his recent work in debate proved him to be ready and versatile, and that in his opinion he possessed the qualities necessary to a good presiding officer. Mr. Calvert then got the floor, and in one of the good speeches of the evening seconded the nomination of Mr. Sparks. He claimed that the matter of a man's dignity had taken up too much attention in the contest, and declared that ability of the native kind was far more preferable in an officer than great dignity with ability

in seconding his nomination. This conversation and accession was hailed with great delight by the followers of Mr. Clay, and Mr. Keene was given many compliments on the logic and honest frankness of his speech. Mr. Livingston and Mr. Underwood seconded the nomination of Mr. Sparks. Mr. Keifer, one of the rising advocates of the Junior class, backed Mr. Spellman, as the choice of his class. Messrs. Flannery and Fort in sincere speeches supported Mr. Garner's interests, and the flow of oratory closed with Messrs. Stuffer and Croxton's arguments in favor of Mr. Wiley.

the hat as they did so. This worked satisfactorily and no one questioned the result. The ballots were as follows :

	First.	Second.	Third.	Fourth.	Fifth.
Sparks	28	23	33	48	53
Spellman....	37	33	34	36	38
Clay	15	23	18	15
Wiley	14	12	15
Garner....	14	10

After Mr. Sparks election was announced he was called to his feet and a speech was demrned. He complied, and thanked the men who had honored him, saying that he hoped to execute the trust that had been confined to his care, and that he wanted the cordial co-operation of all the members in making the ad-

ministration that he was about to enter upon a prosperous one for the society.

The meeting then proceeded to election of the vice-president, and after several gentlemen had declined Mr. Wiley and Mr. Riddleberger were made contestants, and in a

House for that responsible position. Mr. Hollinger was also unanimously elected treasurer, and then the society adjourned. The rest of the officers will be elected at the next regular meeting, which includes the selection of the executive committee, one of the most important this year.

University News.

Dental Dots.

The junior class held a called meeting on Monday the 6th instant, at which Messrs. Eppa H. Combe, of the District of Columbia, and W. F.

companionship and welcome him back.

A meeting of the several classes was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, at which the report of the late treasurer of the classes, Dr. William K. Petty was received, read and tabled for future consideration.



THE UNIVERSITY BUILDING.



THE COLUMBIAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS.



THE COLUMBIAN ACADEMY.

ballot the first gentleman got twenty-three votes and the second thirty-one. Mr. Riddleberger was accordingly declared vice-president.

Mr. McLean then nominated Mr. William Smith as the candidate for secretary and his nomination was made the unanimous selection of the

A Dainty Bit.

How dear to our hearts is
Cash on subscription:
When the generous subscriber
Presents it to view.
But the man who don't pay,
We refrain from description,
For, perhaps, gentle reader,
That man might be you.—[Ex.

Ankeney, of Maryland, were unanimously chosen as members of the executive committee.

Mr. T. B. Cochran, the president of the junior class, resumed his studies after a brief rest in Alexandria, otherwise known as the "City of the Dead." We missed his genial

The senior class, at a called meeting on Monday, the 6th instant, elected Dr. Llewellyn Jordan class historian, and at the same time extended a vote of thanks to Mr. J. L. Whiteside, the retiring editor of THE CALL, for the able manner in which he has represented the dental department.

Dr. J. P. Price, to whose absence reference was made in our last issue, has resumed business at the old stand and will be pleased to see his many friends at the Dental Infirmary between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m. each week day.

Members of the dental classes are reminded that class dues should be forthcoming. All are earnestly requested to call upon Mr. Edward F. Concklin, our genial class treasurer, at the earliest opportunity. It is the wish of the Dental School that the commencement exercises be in every sense a complete success, and each member of the school can contribute to that end by a prompt payment of dues. A prompt payment is also desirable for the information of the executive committee in determining the number of invitations to be ordered.

All notices, etc., which dental students desire to appear in these columns should be handed to Dr. Jordan, the dental editor, by Saturday of each week. All are urged to cooperate in making the dental department a success. Let each one feel a personal interest in that success.

Notice is hereby given that all students of the various departments of the University desiring first-class dental work can secure the services of polite and skillful operators in the Dental Infirmary, third floor of the Medical Building, each week day between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m.; the only cost being that of material used. Help the Dental Infirmary along.

Notice is hereby given that an interesting sketch of the life history of a remarkable "go-et" will appear in this column in our next issue, from the facile pen of that clever storyteller and our esteemed associate, Dr. Richard Washington.

Dr. Thompson complimented the several classes upon the splendid quizzes with which he has been favored this session.

Dr. Lewis is lecturing upon base plates, describing the die and the counter-die, and soon the "die will be cast"—much sooner than some of us would like.

Academy.

Col. Weston Flint last Friday delivered a lecture that was as thorough as interesting. His subject was China. Col. Flint himself was consul at Peking several years ago, and this fact made his hearers all the more appreciative.

The building is being rapidly fitted up with new interior decorations,

blackboards, reference tables, etc. There was also last week a change in the schedule, owing to the cramming in of extra studies. The senior English grade was considerably raised, more hours in certain studies were portioned, and the school undoubtedly will soon be among those of highest standard, both in degree of work and in facilities for such.

We hope soon to be able to present to the readers of THE CALL a photo of the members of the Senior Class Association.

It is very likely that Prof. Cleveland Abbe will soon address the Academy. He is from the meteorological department of the Corcoran Scientific School.

It is disheartening to see the extreme lack of interest in all the athletic and fraternity associations that would naturally be supposed to associate themselves with such a department of the University as the Academy is. We have Cabrera, Cummings and Fuggitt, splendid all around athletes, skaters and cyclists galore, yet there is not a shadow of an athletic gathering or any desire for such. There is a notable lack of enthusiasm in both the Hermesian Society and the Senior Class Association. It is to be hoped that there will soon be a decided change.

Cabrera, by the way, is a good bicycle rider—class A man. This season, however, he will devote himself entirely to running and all-round athletics. In the former he has a record of 100 yards in ten and four-fifth seconds.

College.

Mr. Russell Main, who this year deserted us for Amherst, has returned to his first love and entered the medical department. Though all the college girls and boys are glad to see him back again, it is a matter of regret that his successful career at Amherst should have been so soon cut short.

It is with pleasure that we chronicle the return of Miss Alexander to the college.

Prof. Gore signifies his intention of sending on to the publishers for a set of answer books to be used in Freshman and Sophomore mathematics. It is the opinion of Prof. Gore that any aid of this kind, which will also tend to facilitate and assure the work, should be unhesitatingly used. This position, though not popular among professors, seemed to strike the students as eminently satisfactory.

Where is the autograph letter which was to be framed and hung up in Dr. Lodge's room?

There is a current rumor that Mr. McCurdy is writing a Greek grammar. This, it seems, is to be the first of a series; Latin and Choctaw to be the next in order.

Last week in Senior Latin Mr. Playter read a paper on Catullus and Tibullus. Prof. Montague, in complimenting it, most highly voiced the sentiments of all who heard it. Mr. Playter also read a carefully prepared paper on Seneca and St. Paul before the senior classes in philosophy.

The college has at last what it should have had some time ago—a chess and checker club. Games are to be played in the afternoon, and the room on the third floor which is used for examinations, has been secured for the purpose. The fundamental principle of the club is—"no gambling and no girls." Both are absolutely prohibited—the one by the faculty, the other by—well, it would hardly be safe to say. The club is to be known as "The Five C's"—The Columbia College Combined Chess and Checker Club. A chess tournament is looked forward to in the near future.

On Monday last the college had the honor of listening to Dr. Mabie, home secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Society. Dr. Mabie led the chapel service, and afterward described most eloquently his visits to the great universities of Japan and India. He called particular attention to the fact that the women of India now studied in the universities and, as we of Columbia know so well they can do, took the highest honors. Dr. Mabie is a most scholarly and cosmopolitan gentleman, and during his travels about the world has been entertained by the highest dignitaries of church and state, irrespective of creed and denomination.

Law Notes.

One of the law men recently received a letter from Senator Mixon, in which he states that he has got settled into the legislative harness and that being a State Senator is very much to his liking. He adds that the contest for the place in the United States Senate is waxing warm, and everybody is guessing in the effort to name the winner. The letter shows plenty of interest in Columbian and her students.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the senior class, Mr. Blaine W. Taylor was elected chairman. Mr. Taylor hails from West Virginia, and stands high in sound judgment and conservative ideas. His selection is highly satisfactory to the class.

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THE CALL needs money. The mid-
session bills are maturing and sub-
scribers who have not paid in their
dollar are requested to hand it to
any member of the staff at an early
date.

Your Calling List.

IT is the desire of the CALL to put the
different departments of the Uni-
versity in closer touch with each
other. By giving the news and pen
pictures of happenings in the schools
we hope to widen every University
man's mind on the subject of the in-
stitution's work. In the past this
failing has been too marked in the
life of Columbians.

A student attended the lectures in
his department, knew his professors
and classmates; but the students in
the other schools were as unknown
to him as though they were at an
English institution on the Thames.

This thought came to an editorial
writer after a short visit to the dental
school recently. The life, equipment,
and college spirit in this branch of
the institution was a revelation. They
are a loyal lot of men, these dental
fellows, with a winter and summer

affection for the orange and blue flag.
The dean, Dr. Lewis, is an energetic,
social man with a splendid turn for
work.

Columbians should make the ef-
fort, whenever the opportunity offers,
to meet the students of the different
schools. It hurts no one and in the
end usually does good. In thus in-
creasing your list of acquaintances
the dental school will be found a good
field in which to begin the pleasant
duty.

An Appeal from the Cadi.

FOR several congresses a bill has
been regularly introduced, and as
regularly failed in securing action,
that is of interest to the law students
of Columbian University, and espe-
cially to those of the number who
expect to practice in the District. In
substance it provides for an appeal
from the decisions of the police
judges. As it stands now these tri-
bunals have original and final juris-
diction of all petty criminal matters
in the District.

To one who has watched a session
of the police court no argument is
required to show how easy it is for
a human judge to err. The unfor-
tunates are hurried through the trial;
policemen are prosecuting witnesses,
and it in no reflection upon them to
say that as a class they are men of
but moderate intellect, and not im-
posing judgment. The judge, who day
after day hears the tales of human
misery, man's perfidy and woman's
frailty, does the best he can, and of
course in the great majority of cases
administers the proper punishment
or redress. But in the very order of
things, he is at times bound to be
mistaken in his conclusions. So
many things might bring this about.
The testimony of the officers could
be false or told in such a way as to
leave a wrong impression on the
court's mind. The actions of the de-
fendant might give the lie to his
statement, or the day might be late
and the judge tired and hungry—the
picture of tempting viands and an
easy chair getting the best of a
strong desire to carefully administer
justice.

The victim, innocent, we will sup-
pose, goes down. The barred door
closes behind him, and so far as he
or his attorney is concerned there is
nothing to do but serve the sentence
and bear the disgrace for life. No
appeal, no hope, nothing but bitter-
ness and despair. It is wrong; in-
fernally, eternally wrong. Would
it not be a just move, gentlemen of
the Fifty-fourth Congress, to put the
stamp of your disapproval upon this
crying shame?

SHADE AND SUN.

The world was full of nature's light,
The air was music yesterday;
Health jointed all the framework tight
Thro' which my spirit free should play.
But from that spirit not one ray
Fresh out of primal fountains came;
In doubt and languishment I lay,
And looked on glory, dwelt in shame.

To-day the landscape sinks in gloom,
The body springs not with the morn;
New trials on my vanward loom—
Yet all the heart looks up new-born.
The dead is quick, the winding torn;
The battle of this day is won;
Till memory from afar have sworn,
There was the shadow, here the sun.

—Columbina.

UNIVERSITY HUMOR.

Professor (turning large electricity
generating wheel) "Will some gen-
tleman kindly describe this appa-
ratus?"

Student (who has just flunked)
"It consists of a large wheel turned
by a crank."

FROM THE DENTAL SCHOOL.

The following interesting dialogue
was overheard the other day between
two small children, who were dis-
cussing the relative merits of the vo-
cations of their fathers. The incident
runs thusly, and may be styled

THE DIFFERENCE.

Little Bob: "My pa is a dentist,
and pulls peoples' teeth."

Little Tommie: "Hoh! My pa is a
lawyer, and pulls peoples' legs."

Professor Pyne (to class in under-
graduate Latin): Decline *hic*, please.

Student (drowsily) Hik, hike, hok,
hujus, hunkus, ham.

Geo. C. Hazelton tells the follow-
ing: His *mater* is interested in one
of the free dispensaries of this city,
and with one of the attendant phy-
sicians was interviewing a little col-
ored boy under treatment.

"What is your name?" the doctor
inquired.

"Edward Liverpool, sah."

"That sounds like a foreign name.

Were you born in Europe?"

"No, sah."

"In America?"

"No, sah."

"Where were you born?"

"In Swampoodle, sah."

THE LAW STUDENT'S PRAYER.

"Shades of Bracton, Fleta, Grote,
Charles O'Connor, Rufus Choate,
Deeply I admire your learning;
Am with emulation burning;
Soon will with the "maddening" mingle,
Paint my cards and hang my shingle.
Now of thee one boon I crave,
Which my thorny way will pave—
Tell me, oh! ye legal masters,
How to rake in the piasters.

C. C. T.

ON TRIAL.

President Donnally, of the Enosinian So-
ciety, Acquitted by a Jury of His Peers.

The formal impeachment of Mr.
Donnally, the result of which has
been awaited with such eagerness by



HARRY HAMPTON DONNALLY.

all those connected with the Enosi-
nian Society, occurred last Friday,
Mr. Donnally being vindicated in the
most satisfactory manner. The story
of the affair is briefly as follows:

It seems that on the meeting of
the society called before the Xmas
holidays to consider the question of
a Xmas entertainment, issue was
made on the correctness with which
a vote was counted by Mr. Donnally,
who is president of the society. It
was alleged that the vote of a certain
gentleman who remained standing
during both the affirmative and neg-
ative votes, was counted by the pres-
ident as voting the way which he
himself personally favored. On this
an issue was raised, and those ag-
grieved drew up formal articles of
impeachment, in which the president
was charged with acts unbecoming
an executive officer.

Mr. Playter, the oldest member of
the society, and the most experienced
in parliamentary law, being judge.



JUDGE PLAYTER.

The attorneys for the prosecution
were Messrs. Ward and Biscoe; for
the defense, Messrs. Parker and
Tyssowski. The jury consisted of
the remaining members of the so-
ciety, which went into committee of
the whole for the occasion. There
was considerable partisan spirit, sev-

eral of the speeches being spiced with personalities. Mr. Donnally's speech in answer to the impeachment, and the speech and cross-questioning ability of Mr. Parker were features of the trial.

The forms of law were followed in the session of the trial, and in both examination of witnesses and presentment of argument the legal rules governing such matters were observed.

Mr. Parker showed himself an able advocate, and his distinguished client could not have been better served. His associate also comes in for mer-



ATTORNEY PARKER.

ited praise in the wisdom he exhibited in consultation.

The attorneys for the impeachment had their papers in good order, and throughout the contest the aspiring barristers had an attentive audience in the jury.

Mr. Playter's rulings showed a wide knowledge of the law, and were satisfactory to all concerned. The only thing left in doubt at the close of the case was the enduring quality of Miss Ross's memory.

As has been stated above, Mr. Donnally was acquitted of the charge. No other business was transacted by the society.

The verdict is satisfactory to all parties concerned, and the Enosinian Society is all the better off for its little display of feeling and excitement, for 'tis the latter article that keeps existence from being monotonous.

Dental Subscriptions.

The following goodly batch of subscriptions were received from the dental department, for which thanks are accordingly returned: Llewellyn Jordan, J. Alfred Moore, F. F. Hicks, Damon A. Binkert, W. F. Aukenev, R. Washington, M. D., J. D. Eggleston, Edwin H. Bozley, Wm. C. Fisher, F. N. Waite, Hopkins Gibson, Joseph L. Egan, E. H. Coumbe, Emmett M. Carter, Elmer Y. Yount, H. A. Jelly, Peane Thompson, John P. Price, J. A. Gorman, Geo. E. Hurley, Wm. Creamer, J. S. Whiteside, R. V. Barry, Sam C. Luckett, T. B. Cochran, Wilmer S. Hall, R. E. L. Wiltterger and L. Joe. Broughton.

THE SOUTHLAND.

Moves President Whitman and He Writes The College Treasurer an Entertaining Letter.

We are permitted to publish the following interesting account of Doctor Whitman's itinery in the South. As can be seen Columbian is not suffering at his hands, for the orange and blue banner never had a warmer welcome.

MOBILE, ALA., January 10, 1896.

MY DEAR MR. MARTIN:

How are matters in the University? I have just been reading the account which the *New Orleans Times-Democrat* gives of the president's reception. It must have been a brilliant affair.

My trip has been very satisfactory so far. The train was so late in Atlanta that I missed connection for Macon Monday, so I used the evening in Atlanta with good effect. Doctor Hawthorne lives several miles out of town so I did not see him, but Doctor McDonald and Governor Northern were more than cordial. At Macon I had a first-rate time with Doctor Gambrell, (President of Mercer University.) At Montgomery I had the good fortune to fall in with Doctor Willingham. We called on Doctor Eager and went on to Pensacola together with Doctor Bell, the Sunday-school secretary, and Doctor Folk of the *Baptist and Reflector*. The attendance at Pensacola was small, owing to the place and the hard times, but the men I most wanted to see were there.

Tomorrow I go up to Montgomery to spend Sunday with Doctor Eager. Monday I have promised to be in Birmingham. Tuesday will see a start for home. Wednesday, if all is well, I shall see you.

So far as I can judge it was very wise for us to undertake this work of visitation. Governor Northern declared himself delighted at the thought of letting the people know what we are doing. The Florida brethren seemed very grateful that we cared enough for them to send a representative. A single remark will indicate the advantage of personal contact. One of the pastors said to me this morning as I was leaving, "I feel now as if I were personally connected with the University." Baptist men of prominence have simply held up their hands in amazement when I told them we had over a thousand students. Everywhere faith is expressed that we can lead the denomination colleges into a larger and stronger work.

Doctor Kerfoot has proved very enthusiastic. He says that for anything in any way at any time that he can do for Columbian we have only to command him. He insists that I shall come to his home when I visit Louisville and promises to have arrangements made for me to meet the students.

One thing I did not anticipate has come to pass in part—the acquaintance of our editors, Doctor Thomas, of the *Baptist Courier*, Doctor Harvey of the *Western Recorder*, Doctor Folk of the *Reflector*, and Doctor Porter, of the *Witness*, were at Pensacola, and I had a good time with them.

I had no intention of writing at so great length, but my pen has run away with me. The simple fact is the need of this work is so apparent and the interest with which our people welcome news of Columbian have made the work grow on me, so that, although I thought I knew what I was about, I find myself growing in enthusiasm and ambition for the university, and it gets away with me a bit. You will easily pardon me for this, however, I feel sure.

The catalogues you sent to Pensacola came all right. I am much obliged.

Believe me, as ever,

Very truly yours,

B. L. WHITMAN.

A-Spanish Grammar.

The text book of modern Spanish, written by Mr. Ramsey of the Corcoran Scientific School, has easily taken a position as the standard work on that language. Although only a year and a half has elapsed since it was published, it has already been adopted by many of the leading universities of the country, Harvard University, Columbia of New York, and the University of Texas, among others. The *Nation* begins an extended review of the work, with the remark:

"Although as a rule we do not notice grammars, we mention 'A text Book of Modern Spanish,' by M. M. Ramsey, B. S. (N. Y.: Henry Holt & Co.) because of the very great advance it shows over all existing Spanish grammars in English. This applies to almost every detail of the work."

Mr. M. M. Ramsey was at Yale University during Christmas week, in attendance upon the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association. He was the guest of the Graduates' Club of New Haven.

The Columbian Women.

The Columbian Women held their regular monthly meeting at the University in the post-graduate hall, Monday, January 13, 1896

Brief reports were listened to and approved from the chairmen of the entertainment and press committees. Mrs. Munroe then offered a suggestion that every alternate meeting of the society should be held in the evening in the post-graduate hall, and after the regular business had been transacted there should be a short miscellaneous program. After this suggestion was thoroughly discussed it was put in the form of a motion and adopted by the society. This is to go into effect at the next meeting, and the program for that evening will be in the hands of the committee on entertainment.

Several new members have joined the society, among them Mrs. Whitman, and the Columbian Women are looking forward to a very successful year.

Meeting of Students of the Scientific Department.

The regular tri-weekly meeting of the Columbian Corcoran Society will be held on Saturday next, the 18th instant, in the law post-graduate lecture room at 8 p. m.

The executive committee have been making efforts to secure Professor Smith to address the students, if possible, on the Venezeulan question. While it has been impossible to ascertain definitely before this issue goes to press, whether or not he will be able to address the students on this subject, the executive committee state positively that either Professor Smith or Professor Lodge will favor the students with an address. For the benefit of those students who have an hour between 8 and 9, the informal talk to be given the students by either Professor Smith or Professor Lodge will not take place until 9 o'clock. The first hour will be devoted to the consideration of current business.

Both of these gentlemen have such a reputation for interesting addresses that a large attendance of students is anticipated.

Hermesian.

The Hermesian meeting last Friday was convened at so late a period that nearly all the members were anxious to go home, and as a result the society adjourned almost immediately after assembling.

All Columbian students holding positions as stenographers or secretaries, in addition to their studies, are requested to send their names and addresses to the CALL. We desire at an early date to present an article on the subject.

The Bill Poster's Vision.

[BY G. U.]

The bell wakened mocking echoes down the old, dark hallway of the hospital, and the shabby looking fellow at the door seemed half inclined to run before the soft-voiced nun could swing back the portal and inquire his mission.

"Pleas', mum, hits only me, Jobs, ez peddles candy down on the wharves. I thot ez how you might let me see Storkey, the bill poster, what got smashed by a dead wall. Me en him is pals like, en I brung him a bit of hot stuff that Big Mike, what runs the Hip Pocket saloon, sez will put heart inter Storkey. Jes' a swaller er two, mum, might brace him up like, you know. Hi won't say nothin' nor stay long if you don't want me to." And he stood there, with the "hot stuff" in one hand and his torn hat in the other, looking so humble and earnest that with a caution to step lightly and not be long, the sister let him in and conducted him down the corridors to the ward where Storkey, fitfully sleeping, lay.

For a time the candy peddler watched the labored breathing of his friend and then, the sister giving a sign of consent, he leaned forward and softly mumbled:

"Hits Jobs, Storkey, yer knows me. Der fellers all think hits tuff yuse got screwed, en Mike sent yer dis stuff. Raise yer mug en tek' a pull. Yer'll feel 'er all de way down."

Slowly the bleared eyes parted, in time the weakened senses caught the surroundings, and then in faint tones the stricken one said:

"Hits no good, Jobs, der paper en paste er gone. I'm goin' on a new lay. I'z jes' seen hit, en I tell yer hit is ez smooth ez silk. Men wid money fer de birds er standin' eroun' wid wagins of paper waitin' fer me to com' en hang hit on fences en walls dat no one but me can use. Tell der fellers good-bye, dat I'll fix a bunk fer dem, too. Tell Mike—yes, sir—how much paper has youse got—I'm de only bill poster er goin'—dead easy job—folders—com—."

And then the sister, with moistened eyes and bowed head, and Jobs, with the "stuff" still clutched in his hand, stood beside the empty tenement of Storkey, the bill poster, whose soul had taken a new "lay" in the great unknown.

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Judge Thayer's Book.

R. O. Deyer, of the law school has a few copies of a good compilation of the jurisdiction of the federal courts at his disposal. He ordered a number for the students who desired them, and still has several copies left. The work is by Hon. Amos M. Thayer, U. S. Circuit Judge, Eighth Circuit. It is a clear statement of the laws regulating federal courts, with references to leading decisions. The regular price is one dollar, but Mr. Deyer has received a retailers cost price and students can get them at seventy-five cents each.



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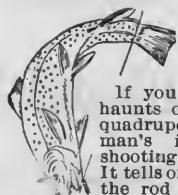
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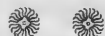
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